**Health Research Advisory Council**

**Meeting Notes**

**July 27, 2017**

**In attendance - council members:** Carol Benson, Marie Cano, Ken Caron, Angie Chafos, Jim Rodrick, Mary Rodrick, Joan Rose, Lori Scanlan-Hanson, Dee Servick, Barry Skolnick, Harold Stewart, and Denny Uthke (12 attendees) Guest: Emily (summer student, guest of Lori Scanlan-Hanson)

**In attendance – leadership:** Walter Rocca, Jennifer St. Sauver, Joan Griffin, Lori Klein, and Robin Adams

The meeting of the Health Research Advisory Council (HRAC) started with a presentation by Meaghan Ridler from Olmsted County Public Health Services (OCPHS) who provided follow-up to the 2016 Olmsted County Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) process in which former REP community advisory board members participated. Meaghan’s presentation included an overview of the process used to collect the data for the CHNA and she also provided the results from the 2016 assessment. At this time, OCPHS is not soliciting feedback about the CHNA process or future priorities, but rather, simply dispensing the June 2016 results. However, Meaghan expressed interest in returning to meet with the HRAC when the 2019 assessment planning begins. The slides presented by Meaghan will be distributed with these meeting notes.

Next, Dr. Jenny St. Sauver presented an overview of the Rochester Epidemiology Project (REP) and the REP’s new grant, Multiple Chronic Conditions and Aging (funded by National Institute on Aging of the National Institutes of Health). Jenny also demonstrated the REP’s free tool called the data exploration portal by pairing various disease examples to assess the prevalence in Olmsted County. The portal is free and accessible by the public as well as physicians and researchers. You can find the data exploration portal by using the following link: <http://www.rochesterproject.org/portal/>. There were numerous questions related to the REP; therefore, additional information will be shared at future meetings. The slides presented by Jenny will be distributed with these meeting notes.

Next, Lori followed-up on the creation of a potential HRAC logo. The design services group at Mayo Clinic created a “visual” which isn’t necessarily a logo, but a look that is easily identifiable to the organization it is visually representing. After showing 2 options to the council, the majority of the HRAC chose “option 2 – green,” but requested that the green be replaced with blue. A revised version will be distributed by email. The “visual” will replace the logo options that were shown at the April 27, 2017 meeting.

Then, Lori addressed feedback from previous evaluation forms. First, the change in meeting rooms addressed both the request for the room to be set-up in a “U” allowing council members to see each other as well as request for the use of microphones. The new room, Northview Room on 3rd floor, has a podium microphone for the speaker and a handheld for the group at the table. Another item from the evaluation was a request to influence the seating to ensure that former PFAC and former CAB members were sitting with members from the opposite group. For the July meeting, members were asked to draw a random candy bar which dictated their seat and provided a question for the ice breaker activity during dinner. And, another request from the council members was to learn more about the REP which was fulfilled at the meeting with Jenny’s presentation. The last suggestion was for the council to get a high-level outline or a summary of the study that they can review a few days prior to the meeting. This suggestion will be tested out for the first time at the October 26 meeting when the HRAC will host researchers who will be soliciting feedback on materials related to their study.

**NEXT MEETING:** Thursday, **October 26, 2017** at **5:30pm** at the **Charter House – Northview Room on 3rd floor.**